

OCT 25 2005

友愛

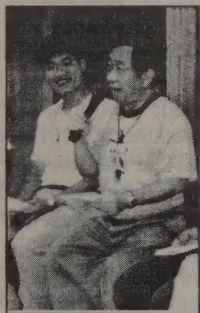
FRIENDSHIP

YEAR 94, ISSUE 1
OCTOBER 2005

Reflections from 2005 Summer Youth Camp

by Rev. Keith, Lee Chen-cheng, Priest in charge of St. Peter's Church, Chiayi*(Above) Participants pause to pose in the sanctuary at St. Timothy's, Kaohsiung (Below) Bp. Lai addresses students*

If you wanted me to tell you my comments on the 2005 Summer Youth Camp in only one word, I would say "Jehovah-jireh". Our gracious God is always understanding, providing what we need, preparing the best way, and helping us to realize our plans and leading us to reach our goal. God cares enough to help us fulfill our hopes and dreams. The guidance of the Holy Spirit is always making the results better than we had planned or expected, and that was what I experienced during this summer's youth camp.



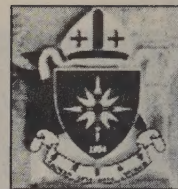
At first, my staff and I had decided to have the summer youth camp take place at the Catholic Student Center in Kenting in April. We went to Kenting to examine the Center, to check their accommodations, and also to examine some areas around Kenting where we were planning to visit during the camp. We held meetings at Grace Church (Tainan), St. James Church (Taichung), and in several phone calls with one another, spending lots of time discussing and planning all things related to the camp. We had also booked the rooms at the Center, paid the prepayment, and we had sent out registry forms to each church at the beginning of May. Rev. Richard Lee had already planned all activities for the whole camp, Rev. Leo Tzeng had edited the activity manual, and some young people had finished the registration to participate. Everything seemed prepared, but, the 12th typhoon destroyed our plans. On the third week of July, the 12th typhoon struck, seriously affecting Taiwan especially in the south with damages, losses, and ravages everywhere. Unfortunately, the Fong-kang Bridge was also broken during the typhoon. This bridge was on the only road into Kenting

on the southwest coast. That meant we didn't have any other way to be in Kenting. Gosh! What could we do? The camp would begin in just a few days, but we had no way to get in there! By plane? That was impossible (it was over our budget)! And, as we could see on TV and in the newspapers, due to the broken bridge, traffic and transportation between Kenting and other places outside were cut off. Thus, sustaining the daily popular needs in Kenting became a huge problem. The whole area south of the broken bridge was suffering from lack of food, water, oil, mail, communication, medicine...etc. I was really worried about what I should do. We didn't have spare plans, and it was not possible to change the current ones, or to delay the camp either. What would we do!!! I had asked the camp's leaders to gather information and give me some suggestions. Most of them suggested we not go on our planned dates. Even if the bridge could be rebuilt before the camp began, that would (*cont'd. p. 3*)



The Bishop's Message: *Shine through the Lord*

by the Rt. Rev. David J.H. Lai, Bishop of Taiwan



As a son of God, and a disciple of the Lord, it is really exciting, joyful and honorable to be sent forward to fulfill the great mission: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

This mission is an extreme challenge to our human nature, to our selfish desire and weakness. But, it can actually show us the meaning and goal of our life. For those who believe the saying "Whoever is not selfish will be destroyed by heaven and earth.", and for religious people who are only living for themselves, we must live out a different witness. That witness is to "Shine through the Lord, give glory to God, and live a life that benefits others." We must live this witness so that the light of Truth will shine more brightly upon those who are captives to sin and are living a life full of pain, a life without joy and peace, and for those who are directionless and think life is meaningless.

God will open again their hearts in the darkness and grant them His mighty power of love, grace and mercy, so that they may have a new born spiritual life, a life that is positive, joyful, new and full of the true light. Jesus taught us in the gospels saying, "You are the light of the world. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16), "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6), "...If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching." (John 14:23), and I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

The ministry goal of our diocese in 2005 is "Arise and shine; Witness the Lord's teaching". By the leading of the Holy Spirit and through the humble and faithful work of all our coworkers and church members this mission has been effectively implemented in all our churches. The ministries in this diocese have been very blessed through our being spiritually equipped, and this is demonstrated by a growth in baptism and Sunday Worship numbers. We thank God and praise the Lord for His mercy and grace.

In recent years technology has improved every area of our life; in the office, in the home, in video and music broadcast systems, literally everywhere we look computers and technological advancement of all kinds

improved our "quality of life." Our work life and home life are now much more convenient. And, worship in our churches has also seen its own share of improvements due to advancements in technology. The church weekly bulletin and newsletter are not only typed and edited by computer; but, they are also sent to church members' computers before Sunday worship by e-mail. During Worship, hymns, creeds, common prayers, psalms, scriptures, announcements, etc., are all now able to be projected onto an overhead screen (now found commonly in many churches).

This certainly saves the time and expense of printing worship bulletins, and its even environmentally friendly. For all worship participants, no matter senior believers or someone who is new to the Christian liturgy, or even for guests, it will decrease the inconvenience and embarrassment caused by not being familiar with using different books like our Book of Common Prayer, hymnals, additional song books, psalters and the Bible. These are all obvious benefits that technology

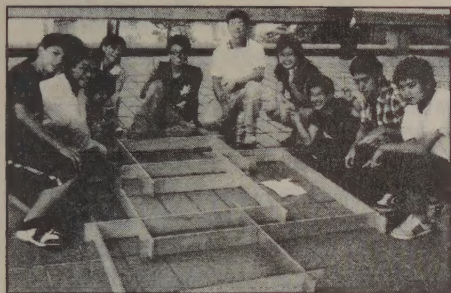
has brought to the area of liturgy and worship. However, it has been my observation and experience that there are two problems hiding in this kind of technological convenience.

First, when the entire worship is led and directed by what is printed on the overhead screen, the significance of worship can, if not handled carefully, be blurred by focusing on the screen rather than the altar and the

cross.

Second, though the Sunday's scriptures can easily be projected on the screen (or printed out in the weekly bulletin) for the congregation to read; this can, in the course of time, come to draw a worshiper's focus away from the very real and physical book of the Bible. Because it is not necessary for them to touch or personally turn over the Bible verses, the overhead screen or the church bulletin becomes a substitute for that which needs to be read, meditated on and thought over. So, gradually, one can get used to keeping a far distance from the Bible which is full of God's revelation and teaching—is the basis of our belief and is the most important spiritual bread for a Christian's spiritual life. Finally, becoming distant from the scriptures, one may soon forget that they can personally turn there in a moment of need for guidance and sustenance. Once one has forgotten that the Bible is their source of illumination, they can become neither hot nor cold, and are easily captive to sin. If we want to avoid (*cont'd p. 4*)

*"technology
has improved
every area of
our life"*



Team-building project— completed!

(“Youth” cont. from p. 1) still leave too many uncertainties. Should we change the location to another place? It seemed there was no place we could go. Many roads were cut off to other possible locations due to mudslides and typhoon damage. Things were still unclear, and the camp would still begin in just a few days. What would we do?

Yes! I forgot to do an important thing. I forgot to pray, to consign the problems to God. I was in great disorder right after the typhoon came. I tried to calm myself down, and to think how to solve the problem. I phoned each of my staff and asked them to pray: “May God lead and teach us how to do, and prepare anything necessary for

the camp, because we might have to change the location or plans in this natural disaster”. And I encouraged everyone (of course including myself) reminding them “This is no problem. We can be sure God will help, and prepare anything we need for us.” That WAS, and also IS our belief in God. And I also asked Bp. Lai and Rev. Samuel Liao (Dean of Southern Deanery) to pray with us. They also encouraged us saying “Just do it as best as you can”.

In the dusk of July 21st (4 days before the camp was to begin), Rev. Justin Lin (Rector of St. Timothy’s Church, Kaohsiung) called me to ask me some questions about the camp and to give me some advice. While talking to him, it struck me what I might do. Suddenly I asked him “Is it possible to change the location to St. Timothy, and hold the whole camp there?” Rev. Lin answered me without any hesitancy “Yes! Welcome to St. Timothy, if you need any help, I will ask people in the church to help you.” When I heard that, I felt my heart filling with a kind of new light. It felt like the dark clouds were all flinging away from my brain, and everything was clear and smooth after that. After Bp. Lai and Rev. Liao’s agreement and permission, I started to report to Rev. Lin what we might need, how many people we might have, and discussed with him (including my staff) how to plan the new schedule and itinerary. We asked Rev. Michael Liu (Vicar of St. Paul’s Church, Kaohsiung) to help us in accommodations for 3 nights. Rev. Liu also generously said “Yes! Welcome!” Then, I contacted my staff and everyone with the new plans. I let them know what time we should arrive at St. Timothy, and how to get there. Lastly, I called the Catholic Student Center to ask if we could claim our prepayment back, and the Center graciously agreed to give it back to us in the form of a check (minus the mailing fee). Thank God, in His grace and kind help, everything that needed to happen was all done in the changed plans (and it just cost us 2 days).

On the afternoon of July 25th everyone gathered at St. Timothy, Kaohsiung. In God’s leading, the camp, titled “Life Symphony”, had finally begun (changed plans and all). Although we knew some of the young people were disappointed about the change of plans, (they would probably rather be in Kenting instead of Kaohsiung because of the wonderful seaside and scenery) when the whole camp came to a close, most of them were reluctant to part with each other. And, they recognized that the camp could have been a lot worse if it had held in Kenting during that time because of the typhoon, and because the hospitality in Kaohsiung was just so good. There were sisters from St. Timothy’s Church who cooked luxuriant and delicious meals for us during the camp. If we had been at Kenting, we might not have been fed so well, indeed we may not have been fed at all.

During the 4 days of the camp we did lots of adventure education games together. These brought us closer to one another and helped us to share with each other from our deepest feelings. By sharing with, and listening to each other we were able to know more about each other’s feeling and needs. And, during the camp we listened to 5 lectures on different subjects, that helped us to recognize God’s different doing and will in each person’s life, and taught everyone of us to face our problems we meet by seeking God’s leading. We also went to some places during the camp. We went to Chi-jing Island (seaside) by boat, to “Brook Valley Land” (water park) to play in the water, to see the beautiful riverside at “Kaohsiung Love River”, and to share enormous bowls of shaved ice with fruit toppings at Chung-san University. We also went to “Kaohsiung Museum” one afternoon to play some adventure education games, and then had steaks for dinner at “Kaohsiung Fisherman’s Wharf”..... plus lots of memories that I couldn’t possibly describe them all. But, suffice to say that it was a really wonderful time, and I think everyone loved it.

Philipians 4: 6-7 says, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Yes, I do believe this to be true! God’s preparations are always better than our own. In fact, I would say his are better than anything we could think or even imagine. As we pray in faith, God will arrange everything we need, for He is “Jehova-jireh.” I promise that you’ll have the same firsthand experience if you keep trying to seek God’s help. Next time problems come your way, remember to wait, listen, and keep praying. He will show you what to do, and you will experience His marvelous grace.

May all glory be to God the Father and to our Lord Jesus Christ!

(*"Bishop's Message" cont'd. from p. 2*) such a pitiable occurrence, as a person created in God's image we, like the psalmist have to cry out to God Jehovah, praying, "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1), "Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love." (Psalm 31:16, and "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105)

God Jehova has delivered everyone of His children and disciples through the message of His prophet Isaiah saying, "I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6)

The Apostle Paul told us through his valuable experience in preaching the gospel that, "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel or the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." (2 Corinthians 4:4) So, we must tell people according to Jesus' teachings, "Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going." (John 12: 35) How blessed we are to be sent by God as a light unto the gentiles as we work together with Jesus to make disciples of all nations. To complete this mission and duty, we must "Shine through the Lord, give glory to God, and live a life that benefits others." For how can we shine through ourselves? Where does the power and energy for us to shine and witness come from? In our daily life, it's necessary to have a balanced diet, to eat nutritious foods full of the proper nutrients. We will also recharge the battery of our cell phone, notebook (laptop) when they are low on power, to be sure that they can function normally. One of the most direct, effective and persuasive witnesses for us to "Shine through the Lord" is to bring our own Bible when attending any church meetings, church related functions, and of course to Sunday Worship. It declares to those who see us doing so, that God is the Lord of our life and that we love Him. His teaching is the bread of our life and His words are our direction and support. His word helps us to shine through the darkness. And, we may help people to cast out fears caused by being captive to sin with God's mighty power because we are also strengthened by Him.

Since we walk together with Lord on the Lord's Day and throughout the week at other church related activities, we certainly will get closer to Him and read Him when we are at home. We will always "shine through the Lord" in joy and peace through His words and teachings, so that the paths of our life and others can be lightened up and glory can be given to the name of the Lord. I believe that many of our brothers and sisters can sing the hymn "My lamp needs oil" and I'd like to recommend it as our subject hymn for the goal of our ministry in 2006— "Shine through the Lord".

Taiwanese greetings from Tanzania and Tanzanian greetings from Taiwan!

by Catherine Lee, CMS mission partner, St. James' Church, Taichung

The bus drove on into the remote Kenyan night. We stopped at the side of the road for everyone to relieve themselves. Men were directed to the front of the bus, women behind at the back. Bottoms bared, the women crouched down on the road. Not so my Taiwanese friends. Modesty prevailed, as always. They set off into the grass verge and set up camp using an umbrella like some sort of protective shield. In the darkness, all I could see was the umbrella and 3 heads bobbing up and down. Our fellow passengers, all Africans, thought this was a wonderful sight. How they all laughed. The "wachina" (as my Taiwanese friends were known in kiswahili) had certainly succeeded in livening up the journey!

Before I came to Taiwan as a CMS mission partner, I was in Tanzania for 7 years, also with CMS. Since leaving there in 1997 I hadn't been back. When the chance to go back to visit Tanzania came this summer, 3 of my friends here at St. James' Episcopal Church, Taichung, asked if they could come too. This was their first trip to Africa. We made a great group and we certainly had a fun time. Nairobi, Kajiado, Arusha, Dodoma, Mvumi, Tabora, Mwanza, Bunda, Musoma at each place we were warmly welcomed and shown such wonderful hospitality. My wachina friends learned so much kiswahili that they felt more confident being greeted with "Habari" than with "Hello, how are you?". Children greeted them with kung-fu style kicks wherever they went, having watched kung-fu movies and assuming all wachina are kung-fu experts. They loved all the food, the more ugali and mcicha the better. Interesting, as they had gone prepared with the usual rations of instant noodles. Contrary to most people's expectations, we went to Africa and put on weight.

What did they find the most difficult to get used to? Yes the toilets of course, the dust, mosquitoes, roads, but mostly the waiting. Time moves slowly in Africa, and there is lots of it. Most of us in Taiwan are used to eating lunch by 12:00 noon and dinner by 6:00pm. Meals in Tanzania were usually 2 hours later than that each day. Waiting for trains and buses was normal. Waiting to sleep because of the long evenings with no meetings to attend, or classes, or shopping. But nothing could be compared with the waiting here in Taiwan when the day we were due to leave Taiwan for Nairobi, a huge typhoon struck Taiwan and we were forced to wait here 4 days until we could rebook our tickets.

What had changed in Tanzania in the 8 years I had been away? (*cont'd p. 5*)

(*"Tanzania" cont'd. from p. 4*) New schools everywhere, new roads, water and electricity improvements, AIDS on the rampage, broken families and Islam growing at an alarming rate. Some churches bursting out the doors with all the new Christians, others fighting and quarreling and people leaving in vast numbers. It was a humbling experience and leaves one in no doubt as to the need of God's grace in every church, home and heart.

We visited churches, schools, homes, orphanages, clinics, colleges and received a warm welcome wherever we went. We met Bishops, clergy, church workers and church members at each place. We distributed small badges of the Diocese of Taiwan to all the clergy that we met, and took greetings from the Taiwan Episcopal Church to everyone. We all felt very much part of one worldwide family in Christ.

We give thanks for good health and safety for our whole trip and for the prayers and support of all here in Taiwan. We went with the blessing of the Bishop of Taiwan, and the clergy and Christians here kept us constantly in their prayers and thoughts. We are grateful to them all. Roll on the next time!

Visit to the Diocese of New Westminster

by Rev. Lennon Y. R. Chang, Advent Church, Tamsui

During this summer vacation, I had a chance to visit the Diocese of New Westminster from June 27 through August 25. I thank Bishop David Lai for helping me to connect with the Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham, Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster, and for facilitating this missionary experience. The Rev. Margaret Cornish who is the chairman of the Partner in Mission Unit of the Diocese of New Westminster made some wonderful arrangements for me during my stay in British Columbia with the following learning goals:

1. Architecture of Anglican Churches-Christ Church Cathedral tour. St. Paul's Labyrinth.
2. Youth Ministries—to visit Camp Artaban, a Vacation Bible School. Bowen Island-Marks Mcavity 'Rivendale', a retreat center.
3. University Chaplain's Work-Vancouver School of Theology, The University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University.
4. Evangelical Ministries-St. James Social Services: A Community Meal.
5. Works for the Chinese.

My wife Hannah came to Vancouver on August 15 and we were able to take a tour, visiting the Canadian Rockies and the Butchart Gardens in Victoria between August 16 and August 21. We were also able to visit Jonathan Der, son-in-law of Bishop Chie while in Richmond.

Every Sunday Morning I went to a different Anglican Church to attend Holy Communion Service. I attended services at St. James, St. Anselm, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Alban's in Richmond, St. Andrew in Langley (which is my twin parish) and St. Catherine's in North Vancouver. Every day and night I attend Matins, Mass and Evensong at St. James. A high church, St. James has one Mass every day and a High Mass on Sunday.

Almost all of the Chinese churches in the Diocese of New Westminster are involved in missionary ministries and are doing much in the area of evangelism. Most of these churches speak Cantonese, a few speak Mandarin, and quite a few speak Taiwanese. But, almost all of the second generation of Chinese Christians speaks English. Therefore, every Chinese church needs English speaking priests for the celebrant and preaching on Sunday Services. There are many new immigrants coming from mainland China, and as such the churches in the Diocese of New Westminster have much work to do as they seek to care for and minister to all.

Except while attending the daily offices at St. James, and visiting, I had much time to read some spiritual books and to meditate. Thus, I felt that I was able to grow in faith, and simultaneously experience God in new and challenging ways.

I am really grateful to Bishop Ingham; The Rev. Margaret Cornish and Jonathan & Jasmine Der of St. Alban; The Rev. Roberta Fraser and Fr. John Maricott & Milli Demphi of St. Anselm; The Rev. John Mash and Mike Burns of St. Catherine's; The Rev. Scott Gould and Rector's Warden Paulene Harris of St. Andrew's, The Rev. William Derby; The Rev. Clarence Li and Honorary Assistant The Rev. C.G. Lloyd Wright of St. James; Lawrence & Yvonne Cheung, Pat Appavoo of Christ Church Cathedral.



Rev. Chang and wife Hannah with new friends in B.C.

St. James' Church partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Philippines

by Catherine Lee, CMS mission partner,
St. James' Church, Taichung

"The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start building..." (Nehemiah: 2.20)

None of us at St. James' Church, Taichung could have imagined 10 years ago that our project to raise the money to build one small church in the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Philippines would result, 10 years on, in the building of a total of 7 churches. We thank God that he has used us as a channel to bless those living in small rural communities who, until the church buildings were constructed, were worshipping under mango trees, in homes, or in simple bamboo shelters which gave some shade but little else. It was to visit the 3 most recently built churches that a group of 8 of us from St. James', Taichung visited Manila just before Chinese New Year 2005. On our previous visit 18 months before a typhoon at the same time had prevented us from visiting one of the churches. February however was a good month to visit. We enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Bishop Dixie Taclobao and the staff of the Diocesan office. They went out of their way to welcome us and to take care of our every need.

On the first day we drove 2 hours south of Manila up into the hills of Cavite province for the consecration and dedication of Holy Innocents Church. Their warm welcome and gratitude moved us greatly, and we thanked God for the privilege of being used by God to bless others. The priest there, Rev. Leon Cadsap, is also in charge of Christ the Lord Church, Batangas Province - about an hours drive away down on the coast. We have raised the money to both buy the land and to build a church there, so off we went to visit. The previous church was washed away in a typhoon and the foundations are now part of the beach; years ago when it had been built, the sea was nowhere near. The church had just started construction prior to our visit, but was on hold while the local government sorted out the paperwork.

The following day, we visited St. James', San Ysiro, about 2 hours drive east of Manila in the province of Rizal. This area was much more mountainous and is inaccessible throughout the rainy season. The church there had also just started construction and the workers were all busy at the site. Again we were royally entertained and welcomed. The Rev. Ned Mapangdol led us in a short service of prayer and thanksgiving.

Now 8 months later, we have recently received news that Christ the Lord Church is still under construction, although sufficiently finished (well the roof is on, but there are no walls!) to be used for services. We pray for the speedy completion of this church. We have also received invitations to the consecration of St. James' Church, to be held on November 27, 2005. We look forward to a small group from St. James', Taichung being able to attend this celebration, and we are grateful for the opportunity to visit once again. We give thanks to God for what has been accomplished so far in our partnership in mission, and we pray for God's leading and guidance into the future.

St. John's University upgrades from institute

by Jered Weber-Johnson, YASC mission partner, St. John's University, Tamsui



St. John's University, formerly St. John's and St. Mary's Institute of Technology, located in Tamsui, Taiwan, celebrated an upgrade from Institute of Technology to University of Technology with ceremonies on August 1st. Over 200 dignitaries, faculty, alumni, and government officials were in attendance for the day of activities. The accreditation as a university of technology, which became official on August 1, 2005, was marked by a morning service with Right Reverend David J.H. Lai presiding bishop in the Diocese of Taiwan addressing the gathered, followed by a ceremony formally announcing the upgrade with presentations from representatives of the Taiwan government and the unveiling of the University's new sign, and concluded with an afternoon celebration party.

Established in Taiwan in 1967, St. John's and St. Mary's was the successor school to St. John's University in Shanghai, China which was in existence from 1879 to 1952. When its Board of Trustees decided to create a new university bearing the same spirit and tradition as St. John's this time in Taiwan, Taiwanese officials agreed, but it was to be a five year junior college not a formal university. Thus, the school got its second start as St. John's and St. Mary's Jr. College. In 1999 St. John's and St. Mary's became an accredited (cont'd p. 7)

(*"Upgrade" cont'd. from p. 6*) 4 year technical college. Most recently, the upgrade from institute to university, and the restoration of the school's original name St. John's marks one more milestone in the Board of Trustees continuing goal of becoming a formal university. Along with the university's president Peter Yang the Board of Trustees has set 2010 as the date by which they hope to accomplish this goal.

"It is a very great encouragement to the students as well as the faculty" said President Yang of the recent upgrade."

"Originally St. John's was one of the best universities in mainland China, with many great accomplishments by its alumni. Already here in Taiwan as an institute we have accomplished much. Becoming a formal university will mean finally restoring the great legacy of St. John's University."

St. John's University is a university of technology affiliated with the Episcopal Church, and is a member in good standing with the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion. The university is located in Taipei County, just north of the city of Tamsui. For more information about St. John's University, visit www.sju.edu.tw.



(Above) The University's new sign is unveiled during the August ceremony. (Below) The newly redesigned school insignia.



Salvationists perform for campus

By Jered Weber-Johnson, YASC mission partner, St. John's University



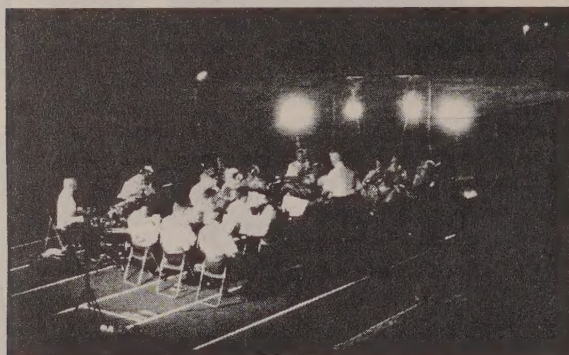
(Below) Dr. Peter Yang joins the (Above) drum section

On Thursday September 29, 19 members of the Salvation Army USA Western Territory known as the "Mission of Praise" joined by two members of the local Salvation Army in Taipei visited St. John's University in Tamsui for an outdoor concert. The brass ensemble played a wide variety of music during their hour performance ranging from a medley of well known Disney movie tunes, to old time gospel pieces and African American spirituals, to the national anthems of both Taiwan and the United States of America. Taking breaks between songs to talk with the roughly 200 gathered students and faculty, the bandsmen shared their faith, talked of their families at home, and asked the crowd questions about Taiwan culture. A highlight of the show came when members of the audience were asked to participate in a "Latin" number, by playing various percussion instruments. Of the ten or more volunteers from the crowd, St. John's University president Dr. Peter Yang delighted students and colleagues alike by offering his own enthusiastic percussion performance. The concert was held on the edge of the campus' athletic complex with the audience seated in the grand stands and the performers on the track surrounded by candles, torches, and paper lanterns.

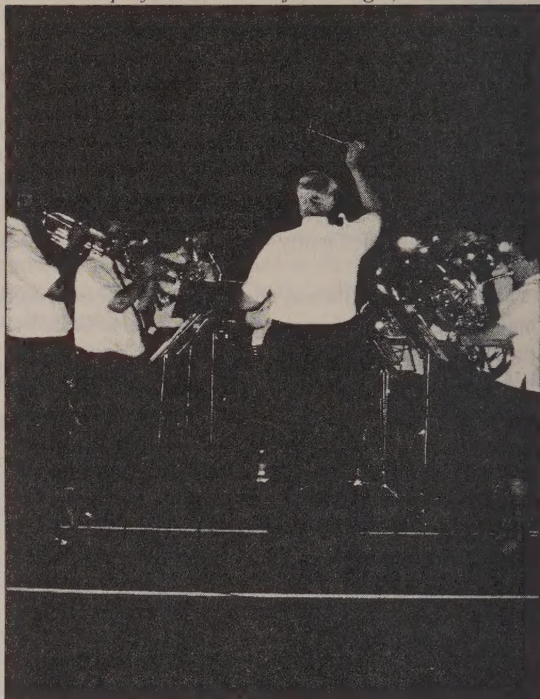
The "Mission of Praise" members were in Taiwan to assist the Taiwanese branch of the Salvation Army celebrating 50 years of existence in Taiwan. The members hailed from various states in the western region of the United States, mostly Washington, Oregon, and California, and one member from Connecticut. Their troupe had toured over much of north and central Taiwan performing (*cont'd. p. 8*)



(*"Salvationists"* cont'd. from p. 7) in several different areas including a youth prison. When one of their scheduled performances fell through prior to arriving in Taiwan, Bishop David Lai suggested to Major Fona Ling that St. John's University might provide the perfect venue. After the concert Major Ling expressed hopes that the two churches might be able to work together in mission and ministry again in the future. The Salvation Army is a church that is often found at the forefront of social justice issues, working on behalf of the poor, the widow, the orphan, and the dispossessed. The denomination also shares historic roots with the Anglican tradition.



Bandsmen perform (Below left and right)



Missionary update from the Stringer family

by Patty Stringer, DFMS mission partner

It seems like only yesterday that we were in Taipei, living among you all. But so much has happened since May and we want to keep you up to date with our lives. When we left you last May (Patty) and June (Philip and the girls), we landed in Indiana to assume the positions as co-directors of Camp Lutheran Hills in beautiful Brown County, Indiana. We had a wonderful group of college age staff members who maintained a high standard and energy level throughout the summer. We enjoyed our ten weeks with them immensely. The camp program ministered to children from grades one through 12 on a weekly schedule, with each week being devoted to a common age group. There were weeks of confirmation camp and servant programs as well. It was rewarding to be part of this joyful ministry for the summer.

In August, Philip began serving as the Interim Pastor for Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, Indiana. We are still interested in finding a church home in North Carolina but that process may take as long as one year. In the meantime, Angola, Indiana is a nice place to call home. Angola is in an area that Philip and Patty both grew up in and we are near to our extended families. The

girls are enjoying their new schools and living in a rural setting. We have rented a farmhouse in the country and watch Amish buggies pass by our home each morning while eating our breakfast.

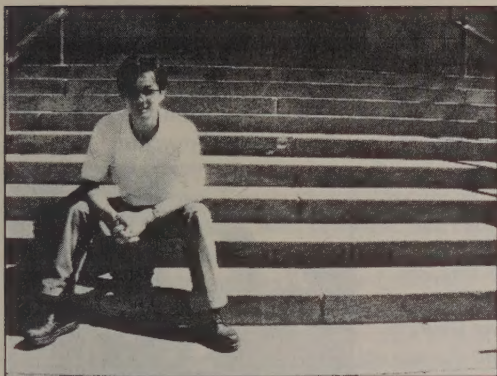
The leaves are already turning brilliant red and orange, the nights are growing cooler and we are looking forward to apple picking and our first fall in three years. Even with so much to look forward to, we miss our friends in Taiwan. We remember you fondly and hope to see you again.

May God continue to bless you all.

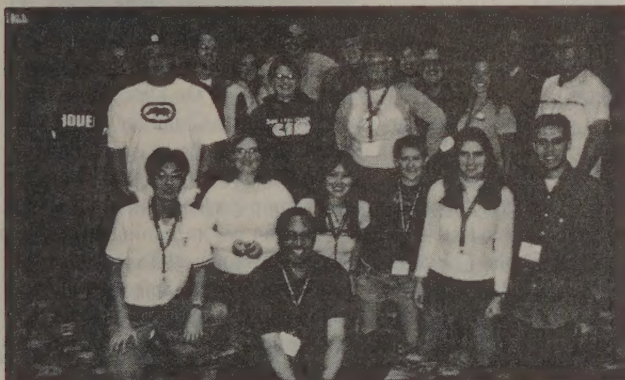
Philip and Patty Stringer, Margaret and Rachel

Phil and Patty would love to hear from you! If you would like to send them a letter in the States, you may do so at:

**The Stringer's
4400 N. St. Rd. 827
Fremont, IN 46737
U.S.A.**



Rev. Lee on Capital steps (mile high) and with other conference members.



Mile-high guy: Taiwan priest visits Colorado youth leadership training

by Jered Weber-Johnson, YASC mission partner,

St. John's University, Tamsui

Rev. Keith, Lee Chen-Cheng priest in charge of St. Peter's Church, Chiayi recently traveled to Denver, Colorado for the Episcopal Young Adult Network meeting. The three-day conference took place at the Denver Adam's Mark Hotel from September 23rd to the 25th. Over 140 representatives from 46 dioceses were present to discuss, listen, and learn about ways to implement more effective and more faithful youth ministries. Rev. Lee spent time getting acquainted with his brothers and sisters from across ECUSA, and was also able to tell many of them about life and ministry in Taiwan. While an exhausting 5 day trip through several time-zones, Rev. Lee feels that he was able to bring much home from his experiences at the conference. Reflecting on his purpose in attending the meetings, Rev. Lee observed, "Currently we don't have a young adult mission [in Taiwan] and Bishop Lai wanted us to see and learn what we can do here." He said the conference was an opportunity to "see what our God is doing in other parts of the Church."

New ECUSA missionaries in Taiwan

by Erin Weber-Johnson, YASC mission partner, St. John's University, Tamsui

At the time of writing this, Jered and I have now been in Taiwan for over 2 months. Please allow me to introduce us; we are the Weber-Johnson's, Jered and Erin. We are participants in the Episcopal Church USA's newly formed Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) and are living at St. John's University in Tamsui.

Prior to our placement at St. John's we were given the opportunity by Bishop Lai to travel to many of the parishes in the Diocese, to meet the people and experience firsthand how God is working in Taiwan. Our travels took us to the homes and parishes of the Taiwan Episcopal Church, to Keelung, Taichung, Kaohsiung, Tainan, Chiayi, and Taipei. Along our way we were struck by the rich diversity contained in this small island, and of course by the open hearts and gracious spirit of those we met.

Before moving to Taiwan, we had been living in Seattle, Washington. Our jobs there were with partnering law firms, and going to work meant that we had to commute usually 45 minutes by bus (30 minutes by car) into downtown. Imagine our surprise when coming

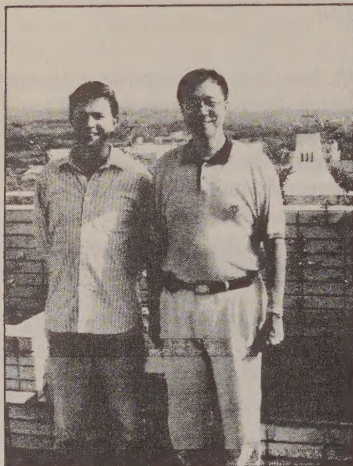


Author and husband Jered in Shilin Night market.

to Taiwan, a place that typifies city life to much of the world, to find that we would be living in the most uncivilized of places. Now instead of elevators, traffic jams, business suits, and fighting for a parking spot, we have just a short walk to (*cont'd p. 11*)

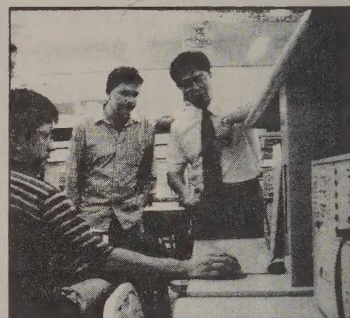
Chaplain of Trinity College, Dublin pays Taiwan Episcopal Church a visit

by Jered Weber-Johnson, YASC mission partner, St. John's University



In early September, the Reverend Dr. Alan McCormack, chaplain of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland made a several day visit to the Diocese of Taiwan. Dr. McCormack is chairman of the Dublin University Far East Mission and an active proponent of the Church Mission Society Ireland, both of which hold strong historic ties with the Episcopal Church in Taiwan. While in

(Left) Dr. McCormack poses with Rev. Lennon Chang, Advent Church. (Right) Faculty at St. John's with Dr. McCormack



Taiwan he was able to visit parishes and ministries in both the northern and southern deaneries, and was able to attend the Southern Deanery meeting held in Kaohsiung. Dr. McCormack also visited the Museum of World Religions with the clergy of the Northern Deanery, came to Tamsui to consult with faculty and staff at St. John's about possibilities of academic and mission partnerships between Trinity College and the University, and met with some of the clergy formerly sponsored by the Dublin University Far East Mission.

Dr. McCormack's visit to the Diocese of Taiwan was part of a larger trip to China for study and leisure. He spent several weeks in Beijing studying Mandarin and Chinese culture, visited Shanghai, and stayed several days with some Buddhist monks at a monastery in northern Taiwan before joining Bishop David J.H. Lai for a trip to the south of Taiwan. Bishop Lai and Dr. McCormack were able to meet during the Bishop's recent visit to Ireland. Bishop Lai studied at the Church of Ireland Theological College in 1982 and 1983. Dr. McCormack and Bishop Lai have both spoken of their interest in strengthening the ties between the Dublin University Far East Mission, the Church of Ireland, and the Taiwan Episcopal Church.

Trinity Church, Keelung starts new weekend ministry

by Jered Weber-Johnson, YASC mission partner, St. John's University



Students work on an assignment at Trinity Church, Keelung.

Reverend Richard Lee of Trinity Church, Keelung with the support of his parishioners has started a new ministry on Saturdays this September. The program focuses at area youth providing an hour of free and low-cost English education followed by adventure education activities and worship. Rev. Lee and those working with him see the ministry as a chance to bring children into the church, provide a need for their community, and offer themselves as a source of stability for the kids, many of whom are from broken homes. Trinity Church is located in an area that is economically depressed and low-cost or free education is considered a blessing by many families in the area. Adventure education offers a chance for leadership to connect with and respond to the students. The program has taken off quickly with numbers approaching 50 after only a few weeks.

("Missionaries" cont'd from p. 9) "the office" and our only traffic is the smiling students walking with us to class. We really like it at St. John's; the community here is full of loving people.

Jered works in the Chaplaincy department and the Public Relations Department. I work in the office of Technology Cooperation as Director of International Exchanges. And, of course, like many other English speakers in Taiwan, we both teach both teach English on the side for the University. Outside of the University, we've managed to find a way to keep ourselves quite busy traveling to Keelung, Shilin, and the Diocese office for various other ministries and work.

Before coming here, many people at home asked what we would do in Taiwan. This is an understandable question; people the world over place a heavy value on what a person does with his or her time. I myself enjoy a good list that has numerous checks on it at the end of the day. I like to know that I have gotten stuff done. However, much of what we do here can't be measured by a checklist and I never really know sometimes if I am much good at all.

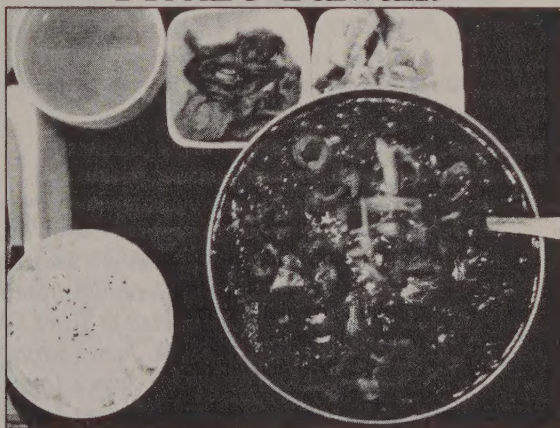
Yet, when I begin to feel this inadequacy is exactly when I am reminded of God's grace. How he takes my little fishes and loaves small as they are, and multiplies them. The fact that he is even willing to accept them is remarkable, but that he uses them for his glory leaves me awestruck.

Editor's Notes

Welcome to the Summer/Fall issue of *Friendship*. As you can see by our printing a 12 page edition, a lot has happened since our last printing. We've had clergy and parishioners trotting the globe, missionaries coming and going, churches being built, schools upgrading, and all sorts of other stuff. We hope you enjoy this *Friendship*!

Please note that each week, as space permits, we will run a photo spread (see below) called "Picture Taiwan!" from someone in the Diocese of Taiwan. Since this newsletter is read abroad, we thought it might be nice for others to see what life, in its many varied forms, is like here on the "Beautiful Island." Our goal is to get photo submissions from all over the diocese so that people here and everywhere might be able to truly "Picture Taiwan!" If you are interested in submitting photos, and they don't have to be all that good (really, see below pictures), news, editorials, poetry, announcements, or anything else for *Friendship*, please contact Jered Weber-Johnson at: jweberjo@mail.sju.edu.tw

Picture Taiwan!



Food or friend?

Photos by Jered Weber-Johnson

Since coming to Taiwan I have enjoyed a variety of delicious pork dishes never experienced before in the States. Above right is one example of pork intestine/pig blood Szechwan hot-pot. However, I've also noted like Above left that many people keep pigs as pets... or is that a meal in waiting?

臺灣聖公會通訊

馬君



TAIWAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

7 Lane 105, Hangchow South Road, Section 1, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China.



發行人：賴榮信

發行所：台北市杭州南路一段105巷7號

印刷廠：東宜彩藝印製股份有限公司

局版北市誌字第貳壹壹捌號

發行者：財團法人臺灣聖公會

電話：02-23411265

傳真：02-23962014

郵政北台字第六三九九號

國內郵資已付
台北東門郵局

許可證
台北字第14015號

TAIPEI (1) TAIWAN
R.O.C.

POSTAGE PAID
LICENCE NO.N14015

友愛

雜誌

AIR MAIL

*Friendship
The English Language
Newsletter
of the
Diocese of Taiwan*

Phone: 02-23411265
Fax: 02-23962014
Email: skhtpe@ms12.hinet.net



The Episcopal
Diocese of Taiwan
The Rt. Rev. David Lai,
Bishop

Graduate Theological Union Library
Serials Department
2400 Ridge Road
Berkley, CA 94709
U.S.A.

Youth Camp, by Rev. Keith Lee	P. 1
Bishop's Message, by Rt. Rev. David Lai	P. 2
Greetings from Tanzania, by Catherine Lee	P. 4
Visit to Sister Diocese, by Rev. Lennon Chang	P. 5
St. James partnership, by Catherine Lee	P. 6
St. John's Upgrade, by Jered Weber-Johnson	P. 6
Salvation Army visit, by Jered Weber-Johnson	P. 7
Stringer Update, by Patty Stringer	P. 8
Taiwan priest in Colorado	P. 9
New missionaries, by Erin Weber-Johnson	P. 9
Chaplain from Trinity, Dublin	P. 10
Keelung news	P. 10
Picture Taiwan!	P. 11
Editor's Notes	P. 11